

In the Claims

Claims 1-7 (cancelled).

8. (currently amended) A process for producing a foamed part having at least one adhesive closing part with adhesive elements, comprising the steps of:

forming a one-piece, unitary adhesive closing part including a base with adhesive elements extending in a first direction from one surface thereof, said base having variable width edge portions free of adhesive elements such that said base forms a foam retaining cover projecting laterally beyond an area of the base supporting the adhesive elements, the cover having ferromagnetic components formed as an integral part thereof;

placing the adhesive closing part in a foam injection mold such that free ends of the adhesive elements are arranged substantially in one plane, substantially perpendicular to the first direction and substantially parallel to the one surface at the base, with the edge portions of the adhesive closing part and in separable contact with the foam injection mold, the adhesive closing part being releasably retained in place in the foam injection mold by a retaining mechanism; and injecting molding material into the mold to produce the foamed part.

9. (previously presented) A process according to claim 8 wherein the ferromagnetic components are embedded in the cover.

10. (previously presented) A process according to claim 8 wherein the ferromagnetic components are in a layer applied to a surface of the adhesive closing part.

11. (previously presented) A process according to claim 8 wherein the ferromagnetic components are at the edge portions and cooperate with retaining elements in the foam injection mold generating magnetic fields to hold the edge portions during a foam injection process to form a foam barrier.

12. (previously presented) A process according to claim 8 wherein the edge portions extend along two lengthwise edges of the adhesive closing part, the adhesive closing part having the adhesive elements between the edge portions.

13. (previously presented) A process according to claim 10 wherein the layer is formed by a sol-gel process.

14. (previously presented) A process according to claim 10 wherein the layer has an adhesive base material.

15. (previously presented) A process according to claim 11 wherein the retaining elements are permanent magnets in the form of magnetic strips or bars.

16. (previously presented) A process according to claim 8 wherein the adhesive closing part is formed of a polyamide or a polyolefin material or is at least in part of textile materials.

17. (currently amended) An adhesive closing part for use in a process for producing a foamed part with the adhesive closing part thereon, comprising:

a cover having edge portions and ferromagnetic properties as an integral part thereof, said edge portions having a mold engaging surface on a first side of said cover; and

adhesive elements extending directly from said first side of said cover in a first direction between said edge portions, said edge portions being free of said adhesive elements, said adhesive elements having free ends substantially coplanar with said mold engaging surface of said edge portions of said cover in a plane substantially perpendicular to said first direction and substantially parallel to said first side, said adhesive elements being formed unitarily as one piece with said cover.

18. (new) A process according to claim 8 wherein

the adhesive closing part is placed in the foam injection mold such that the free ends of the adhesive elements and the edge portions of the adhesive closing part substantially contact a substantially planar surface of the foam injection mold.